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PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
STATE CONVENTION  
OF THE  
Baptist Denomination of South-Carolina,

AT ITS  
Twenty Sixth Anniversary,

HELD AT  
BARNWELL C. H., SOUTH-CAROLINA,  
December 12th to 15th, inclusive, 1846.

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Proceedings of the State Convention, at its 26th Anniversary.

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*Saturday, Dec. 12, 1846.*

At eleven o'clock, A. M., on Saturday, the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Professor J. S. Mims, from Luke x. 21.

Credentials of Delegates were received and their names were enrolled as follows :

*Charleston Association.*—Daniel Sheppard, John Scott,\* C. Kemmerlin, M. T. Mendenhall, T. W. Haynes, J. B. Miller,\* J. Tupper, W. Hooper,\* B. W. Whilden, J. Boykin, N. M. Crawford,\* J. H. Cuthbert, T. Adams,\* T. Mason, W. E. Bailey, N. Graham.

*Edgefield Association.*—W. B. Johnson, L. M. Abney,\* J. M. Chiles, B. M. Blocker,\* W. Royall,\* W. P. Hill, Z. Watkins, J. Trapp,\* A. M. Cartledge, and H. A. Williams.\*

*Savannah River Association.*—A. J. Lawton, H. D. Duncan, R. Fuller,\* R. Bradford, J. A. Lawton, J. Nickols, J. L. Brooks, L. O'Bannon, B. H. Brown, George Rhodes,\* H. A. Duncan, E. Estes, J. J. Boyd, Thos. T. Hopkins, M. W. Sams, T. W. Rambaut, W. A. Owens, W. A. Lawton, R. J. Davant, B. S. Sweat.

*Welch Neck Association.*—Samuel Furman,\* John Culpepper,\* T. P. Lide, John Fountain, J. O. B. Dargan,\* P. C. Edwards, J. F. Wilson,\* J. W. Bowens,\* G. Rollings,\* J. A. Fonville.\*

*Edisto Association.*—Wm. Brooker, L. Hickson, E' Tyler, J. G. O. Wilkinson, W. J. Fickling, J. Tyler,\* H. Lecroy,\* P. Kitching,\* A. Horn, Wm. Johnson.

*Charleston Female Juvenile Education and Missionary Society.*—N. M. Crawford,\* M. T. Mendenhall.

*Anderson District, Missionary Society.*—A. Rice, A. M. Magee,\* T. Dawson, T. J. Pierce.\*

*Mount Moriah Female Missionary and Benevolent Society.*—

*Tiger River Association.*

*Buffalo Church.*

*Moriah Association.*

*West Union Church.*

*Salem Association.*—J. Davis,\* E. Ray,\* J. C. Furman,\* P. C. Edwards, W. C. Owen,\* B. V. Larkin,\* J. S. Mims, W. Nolen,\* C. M. Porter, A. Ray,\* F. C. Jeter,\* J. T. Jeter.\*

The Convention then elected the following officers for the ensuing year, viz: W. B. Johnson, *President*, J. Davis, *Vice President*, T. W. Haynes, *Secretary*.

On motion, adjourned until half past 3 o'clock, P. M. Benediction by the President.

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SATURDAY.—*Afternoon Session.*

The Convention met, and after a hymn, brother H. D. Duncan prayed.

Visiting brethren present were then invited to seats in council. Rev. J. B. Taylor, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Rev. T. Curtis, D. D., of Line Stone Springs, S. C., accepted the invitation.

On motion, *Resolved*, That in elections for officers, a majority of all the votes polled, shall be necessary to an election.

Read the Constitution and Rules of Order.

A Corresponding Letter was received from the Saluda Association, and A. Rice and L. Dawson were received as its Messengers.

From the North Carolina Convention, no letter or messenger were received.

The following Committees were then nominated, viz :

*On Preaching*.—M. T. Mendenhall, T. P. Lide, with the ministers and deacons of Barnwell Church.

*On the time and place of the next meeting, and to nominate persons to perform the stated services*.—A. Rice, W. Brooker, E. Estes, J. M. Chiles, and J. Fountain.

Brother Brooks was appointed to write to the No. Carolina Baptist State Convention, and the following brethren were appointed Messengers to that body, viz: W. B. Johnson, N. Graham, T. Curtis, W. Q. Beattie.

Brother T. W. Rambaut was appointed to write to the Saluda Association. The Messengers appointed to that body were brethren W. B. Johnson, Z. Watkins, W. P. Hill, and J. M. Chiles.

*The Committee to nominate the Board of Agents* are H. D. Duncan, J. H. Cuthbert, A. M. Cartledge, P. C. Edwards, and J. G. O. Wilkinson.

*The Committee on Accounts*, are M. T. Mendenhall, T. P. Lide, L. Hickson, R. J. Davant, and Z. Watkins.

The Treasurer reported, and his report was received and committed to the Committee on Accounts.

*The Committee to nominate a new Treasurer* are, W. E. Bailey, W. P. Hill, J. A. Lawton, W. Brocker, and J. S. Mims.

Rev. J. B. Taylor was requested by the Convention to deliver the Charity Sermon on tomorrow, in the absence of the brother and his alternate appointed to that service.

On motion, adjourned until 10 o'clock, on Monday morning, brother Graham prayed.

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 LORD'S DAY.

On Lord's Day, the Charity Sermon was preached at 10½ o'clock, by brother J. B. Taylor, from 1 Tim. i. 14, and a collection amounting to \$83 56 taken up in behalf of Education and Foreign Missions; and the Lord's supper was then administered by brethren W. B. Johnson and W. A. Lawton, to the Church, and visiting brethren. Brother W. B. Brooks preached in the afternoon, and T. Curtis in the evening. The congregations were large and solemnly attentive.

MONDAY, A. M.

The Convention met at 10 o'clock, A. M., and on motion had recess until 3 o'clock, P. M., to give the Board of Trustees of Furman Theological Institution an opportunity to hold a session.

MONDAY—*Afternoon Session.*

Convention met and brother Mason prayed.

The roll was called and the minutes read.

The Committee on time and place of Meeting, &c., Report—That our next meeting be at Beulah Church, Richland District, on Saturday before 2d Lord's Day in December, 1847. That J. H. Cuthbert preach the Introductory Sermon on Saturday,—E. Estes his alternate. That J. L. Brooks preach the Charity Sermon on Lord's Day,—Wm. P. Hill his alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

A. RICE, Chairman.

The Committee to whom was referred the nomination of a Board of Agents, report the following named brethren as that Board :—Wm B Johnson, A J Lawton, J S Mims, J Culpepper, R Napier, A Rice, L Walkins and N L Griffin.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. D. DUNCAN, Chairman.

The Committee to nominate new Treasurers reported, and report laid on table.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of Furman Theological Institution, was submitted by the Secretary of the Board, received and adopted, and an abstract ordered to be printed, with the minutes of the Convention and that the Constitution and Rules of the Board as amended, be printed as an appendix to the Minutes.

The Committee charged with devising a scheme for the effective operation of Volunteer Agents in obtaining contributions for the support of the objects of the Convention, beg leave respectfully to REPORT—

That they have given as much consideration to the subject as time and opportunities would permit. They have not been unanimous in their opinions as to the efficiency of Volunteer or unpaid Agencies, or the expediency of adopting that mode of proceeding; but submit the following plan as the best that occurs to their minds, if the Convention decide that it is advisable to employ unpaid or Volunteer Agencies.

1st. That the Pastors of Churches connected with the Convention, with all others favorably disposed to its objects, be requested to form Societies in their neighborhood, auxiliary to the Convention, for the support of Education and Missions, which shall raise contributions at such stated periods in such way as shall be judged to be most likely to be successful, consistently with the elevated spirit and the pure disinterested christian love proper to these exalted objects.

2d. That a volunteer or unpaid agent be selected for each Association in the State, (but the same Agent may serve, if thought advisable, for two or more Associations) to solicit contributions throughout its bounds, so as to apply at every church and to every

individual likely to favor his application, in such way as will be best calculated to succeed.

3. That where the Agent is a pastor of a Church, his Church be affectionately and respectfully requested to make such arrangements as will, by the aid of the ministers of the Churches which he shall visit in his different tours for collecting contributions, by exchanging pulpits, enable them without interrupting their own religious services on the Sabbath, and without making too great a self-sacrifice of the labors of their Pastor, enable him to give up his services efficiently to the promotion of these Gospel objects, which must be felt to be entirely in accordance with the views, duties and wishes of every sincere follower of the Lamb of God.

Brother Rambaut reported a letter to the Salem Association, which was received and adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the collection taken up on Lord's day, be divided equally between the Education and Foreign Mission objects of the Convention.

On motion, a committee consisting of brethren T. W. Rambaut, T. Mason, L. O'Bannon, were appointed to ask of Rev. Prof. J. S. Mims a copy of the introductory sermon preached at the opening of this Convention, for publication.

On motion, *Resolved* unanimously, That this Convention accede to the invitation from the Central Association of Georgia, to send delegates to a meeting to be held in Savannah, Georgia, in May next, for the purpose of conferring on the expediency of forming a Publication Society within the geographical limits of the Southern Baptist Convention. The following delegates were appointed under the above resolution, viz: W. B. Johnson, L. O'Bannon, T. W. Rambaut, T. Curtis, R. Fuller, J. C. Furman, J. S. Mims, P. C. Edwards, A. M. Cartledge, J. M. Chiles, T. Dawson, R. J. Davant, Levi Hickson, J. G. O. Wilkerson, W. E. Bailey, J. Nickols, R. Bradford.

On motion, *Resolved*, To open a correspondence with the Baptist Convention of Western N. C., and that the President write the letter—brethren W. B. Johnson, T. Curtis, B. W. Whilden, A. Rice, T. W. Haynes.

Brother T. T. Hopkins, reported a letter to the Georgia State Convention.

On motion, *Resolved* unanimously, That the thanks of this body are due to the Brethren and citizens of Barnwell and vicinity, for their hospitable entertainment during this convention.

On motion, a Committee of three was appointed to report on Foreign and Domestic Missions to-morrow, brethren W. B. Johnson, F. Estes, J. H. Cuthbert.

On motion, adjourned until 12 o'clock to-morrow morning—Brother W. A. Lawton prayed.

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TUESDAY—Morning Session.

At 12 o'clock on Tuesday morning, Convention met, and after a



hymn, brother Shephard prayed. Brother Brooks reported a letter to the N. C. State Convention which was received and adopted.

Brother T. T. Hopkins reported a letter to the Baptist State Convention, which was received and adopted.

Brethren W. B. Johnson, W. A. Lawton, T. W. Rambaut, L. O'Bannon, B. C. Suares, and M. T. Mendenhall, were appointed messengers to that body.

The Committee on Foreign and Domestic Missions submitted the following report, which was received and adopted as follows :

The Committee on Foreign and Domestic Missions, having had these important subjects under consideration, present the following

#### REPORT :

The glorious gospel of the blessed God is the gracious remedy for the disorders of our fallen world. But like all remedies, it is to be *applied and felt* to produce its effects. It is for this reason, that it is to be preached in the whole world and to every creature. This important duty is committed to *men*, not to *Angels*, to *men who have felt its saving power, who know its value, and who burn with desire to make its efficacy known to their fellow men*. And the Churches of Christ, as His representatives in this disordered world, are charged with the great duty of supporting those who give themselves to the preaching of this gospel. Great is the obligation on the Churches then, and on those who have the spiritual oversight of them, to be engaged with their hearts, and their hands, and their talents, and their means, in this work. It is indispensable to its success, that the Pastors of churches shall labor to instruct their people in the importance of sending the gospel to all lands, and duty of contributing liberally of their substance to its universal dissemination. It is not enough, then, that they themselves give, but that they strive to lead others to give also. That they open to the minds of their people the delightful privilege of consecrating their *gains* as well as their *persons* to the Lord.

There is one point to which your Committee would particularly invite attention. It is the *proportion* which should always exist between the *measure of light and means* possessed, and the *amount of contribution* offered. This is clearly and forcibly taught in the Savior's words, "To whom much is given, of him much will be required." Our Heavenly Father has, in His infinitely wise plan, given to some of his people a larger measure of light and knowledge and a larger amount of this world's goods, than to others. And for what reason ! Evidently that they may do *Him* the greater honor and accomplish the more for *His cause in the earth*. They are the Almoners of His bounty to the destitute, the dispensers of His grace to the guilty, the distributors of His blessings to the unworthy. These have the opportunity and may enjoy the honor and the privilege of knowing that "it is more blessed to give than to receive"—imitating the example of Him who "went about doing good."

And what ample room for this labor of love, this work of faith beneficence is presented to the people of God in the present state of our world. In our country, in our State, many are the waste places to be built up, numerous the dark corners to be enlightened,

formidable the strong holds of Satan to be demolished. The low standard of morals among our domestics needs to be raised, their souls need the converting grace of God, that they may pass from death unto life, become faithful in their duties to God and their masters, and be at peace among themselves. Not a few of their owners desire them to have the word of life, and are ready to sustain such ministers as have the aptitude to reach them and may be relied upon for their piety and integrity. In various parts of our State whole settlements seem ready to perish for lack of knowledge. The Macedonian cry is heard from them—"come over and help us."

When we cast our eyes over this wide world what appalling scenes present themselves to our view. Millions of our race ground down under the iron bondage of sin in its various hideous forms—its miserable subjects sinking into death and hell. What can relieve them but the Gospel of Jesus Christ? And this blessed Gospel, this remedy for all the woes of man, God's people have. They feel its sanative power in their souls! And shall they not send it to those who are perishing for want of it? And this too, when our young men are waking up to the duty of dedicating themselves to the missionary enterprise, and our ministers are, in great numbers, manifesting an earnest desire to be engaged in supplying destitute places at home, and to go forth to the perishing heathen, to bear to them the glad tidings of salvation! And what hinders these devoted men from occupying the places which so much need their labors? Is it want of pecuniary means on the part of thousands of God's Israel? No! these thousands possess ample wealth for sustaining these laborers, and other laborers still more numerous in the great work of evangelizing the world. It is not then because there is not sufficient wealth in the Churches, but because this wealth is not presented an offering to God. It is because it is withheld from the Lord's treasury.

Your Committee would respectfully submit the following Resolutions for the concurrence of the Convention:

1. That the Pastors of the Churches be affectionately urged to preach to their people with zeal on the subject of Domestic and Foreign Missions, and that they often converse with them on the obligation of fervent prayer for the coming of the Kingdom of their Heavenly Father, and of liberal contributions for its advancement.

2. That the members of our Churches be affectionately entreated to consider their duty in this matter, and that they sincerely enquire of their own hearts and consciences if they have done, for the Lord's cause, what it is in the power of their hands to do. That they meditate with much seriousness upon the curse pronounced upon the inhabitants of Meroz, because they came not up to the help of the Lord against the mighty, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

3. That the Missionary Journal, published by Bro. H. K. Ellyson, at Richmond, Va., be recommended to the members of our churches, as worthy of their patronage. This work comes out monthly, and contains besides judicious articles pertaining to the missionary enterprise, the latest missionary intelligence from the Foreign and



Domestic Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention and of other Missionary Bodies. Its price is one dollar a year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM B. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

The President reported a letter to the Baptist Convention of N. C., which was received and adopted.

On motion, Convention had recess for an hour.

TUESDAY—*Afternoon Session.*

After recess, Convention met at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

The Committee on accounts submitted their report which was received and adopted, and ordered to be printed without the exhibits, and that the exhibits be filed with the Secretary and a copy with the Treasurer.

On motion, *Resolved* unanimously, That the thanks of the Convention are due to brother A. J. Lawton for the fidelity with which he has performed his official duties.

On motion, *Resolved* unanimously, That we request our Secretary to address through the Carolina Baptist, an appeal to the churches and preachers in this State, favorable to ministerial education, entreating their voluntary co-operation with us upon the plan adopted in this convention for raising funds for the Furman Theological Institution, and that said plan be stated in that address.

*Resolved* unanimously, That this Convention recommend to the patronage of the denomination in the State generally, the Carolina Baptist Newspaper, edited and published by brother T. W. Haynes at Charleston.

*Resolved*, That the President prepare a resolution expressive of the feelings of this Convention on the loss they have sustained by the death of the late Rev. J. K. McIver, to be inserted in the Minutes, and also in the columns of the Carolina Baptist.

The report of the Committee to nominate a Treasurer, was taken up. When on motion, Dr. M. T. Mendenhall was elected unanimously the Treasurer of the Convention.

On motion, brother J. Tupper was appointed to attend to the transfer of the specialities in the hands of the late Treasurer, and to take the bond of the Treasurer elect.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the printing and distribution of the Minutes of this meeting be committed to the Secretary, the amount of 1500 copies.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the constituent members of the Conventions to send up annually contributions for the printing of the minutes.

On motion, adjourned to time and place of the next meeting.—The President prayed.

W. B. JOHNSON, *President,*

T. W. HAYNES, *Secretary.*

## REPORT

*Of Alexander J. Lawton, Treasurer of the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the State of South Carolina, for December, 1846.*

## PERMANENT FUND.

1846.		Principal.	Interest.
Dec,	To amount bonds and annuities, due per Report in December, 1845,	\$27,188 27	\$6405 13
	Interest and annuities accumulated since,		1979 62

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\$8384 75

## PER CONTRA:

By cash of Jos. J. Lawton, 2 years' interest to Jan. '46,	35 00
By cash of M. T. Mendenhall, do. do.	700 00
By cash of Jos. A. Lawton, for 1 m's int. on Reynolds bond,	4 37
By cash of R. Reynolds, int. 1 yr. for Jos. A. Lawton, Jan. '46,	70 00
By cash of W. E. Bailey, " to Nov. '45,	185 75
By cash of Henry Bailey, full prin. and int. \$100,	29 67
By cash of C. M. Furman, int. to Jan. '46,	35 00
By cash of C. H. Lanneau, 1 year's int.	7 00
By cash of R. J. Davant, int. Jan. '46,	26 56
By cash of H. D. Duncan, do. do.	14 00
By cash of R. Fuller, do. do.	14 00
By cash of Lewis R. Sams, do. do.	105 00
By cash of Isaac Nichols, do. do.	3 50
By cash of A. J. Lawton, do. do.	15 83
By cash of B. H. Brown, do. do.	14 00
By cash of R. G. Norton, do. do.	7 00
By cash of R. Reynolds, 1 years int.	52 50
By interest on H. Bailey's bond from time of payment to Jan. 1, 1847,	5 33
By do. of R. J. Davant, int. to Jan. 1 '47,	26 56
By do. of J. C. Furman, do. do.	45 50
By do. Noah Graham, do. '46,	1 40
By do. Jos. A. Lawton, full, \$2 50,	17 50
By do. John O. Nicholson, '46,	7 00
By cash of Wm. B. Johnson, int. to Jan. 1, 1847,	28 00
By cash of do. new bond of \$100, do do	7 00
By cash of R. T. Mims, Jan 1, 1847,	10 78
By cash of G. L. Penn, do do	7 00
By cash of Casper Stanley, do do	24 50
By cash of E. J. Lide, do do	9 94
By cash of T. P. Lide, do do	10 00
By cash of J. O. B. Dargan, do do	3 50
By cash of J. M. Chiles, do do	21 00
By cash Est. Jennings O'Bannon, 1 year's interest	14 00
By cash of C. H. Colding, on account interest,	10 00
By cash of Edwd H. Peebles, full, \$50,	10 50

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Of which reinvested in bonds, 273 69

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The Financial Committee made these footings, deducting Bridge Stock,

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26,969 75

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## 1846. PERMANENT FUND—CASH.

Dec. By cash of Henry Bailey in full for his bond	100 00
By cash of E H Peeples, do do	50 00
By Jos A Lawton, do do	250 00

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400 00

## PER CONTRA.

To amount reinvested in bond of A J L	\$273 89
To balance of cash on hand,	126 11

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400 00

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By balance of Permanent Fund on hand, \$400 00  
\$126 11
*Aggregate of Permanent Fund, as by the Report of the Financial Committee, submitted to the Convention.*

	<i>Principal.</i>	<i>Interest.</i>
Amount of bonds, bridge stocks & annuities, now due,	\$27,569 75	\$6,630 55
Of which are regarded bad or doubtful,	5,917 79	4,039 86

Good bonds, &c.	21,651 96	25,90 69
Add cash on hand to be invested,	126 11	

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\$21,778 07 \$2,590 69

Add. Bonds. Annuities and subscription for Third Professorship.	6,565 00	374 97
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One Tract of Land in Fairfield District, donation by C Entzminger, valued at	3,200 00	rent, 150 00
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Estimated available funds,	\$31,543 07	\$3115 66
24 shares United States Bank, estimated as worth	200	

If the above estimate of available funds be correct, the permanent annual income for support of Professors in Theology may be stated as follows :

Interest from bonds and bridge stock,	\$1,520 00
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Annual contribution from Charleston, Savannah River and Edgefield Associations,	400 00
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Interest on new bonds and subscriptions for 3rd Professorship.	\$459 55
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Annuities and subscriptions for do.	165 65	625 20
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Rent of Land given by C Entzminger,	150 00
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\$2695 20

From which deduct the interest annually payable on fund of Charleston Female Missionary and Education Society, which that Society has the right to appropriate,	175 00
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Leaving available for Professors' salaries, including 3d Professor,	\$2,520 20
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## 1846. GENERAL PURPOSES.

Dec. To balance due the Treasurer per last report,	\$56 00
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## 1846. PER CONTRA,

Dec 9, By cash of John R Bostick, full on Watkins' subs,	10 00
14, By cash at this session,	25 00

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\$35 00

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Due the Treasurer, \$21 00



## CHARLESTON FEMALE JUV. MISS. AND EDUCATION SOCIETY.

*(Included in Permanent Fund.)*

By amount of Fund,		\$2,500 00
By interest due per last report,		177 00
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		\$2,677 00
To cash paid J M C Breaker,	\$87 50	
To cash paid Saml Nicholson,	87 50	175 00
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		2502 00
Interest 1 year to Jan 1, 1847,		175 00
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		\$2677 00
To cash paid for Edwd Mellichamp,		69 05
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Balance of fund,		\$2607 95

## 1846. BENEFICIARIES IN THEOLOGY.

Dec. By cash on hand, per last report,	\$71 90
By cash of Savannah River Association,	27 77½
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	\$99 67½
15th, To cash paid Jas S Mims, Treasurer Education Society,	99 67½

## 1846. EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Dec. By cash of Mrs Catherine Maner,	\$5 00
To cash paid Jos S Mims, Treasurer,	5 00
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	\$10 00

## 1846. AMERICAN AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Dec. By cash on hand per last report,	\$32 06
By interest one year,	2 24
14, By cash at this session,	12 00
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	46 30
15, To cash to be remitted by M T Mendenhall,	46 30

## 1846, DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Dec By cash per last report,	\$108 25
To cash paid M T Mendenhall, Treas. South. Bapt. Conv,	108 25
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## 1846. THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

Dec. To balance due Treasurer per last report,	\$32 27
To cash paid J M C Breaker, beneficiary,	87 50
To cash paid Saml Nicholson, do	87 50
To cash paid Seur Professor James C Furman, 2 quarters,	500 00
To cash paid do James S Mims, 2 quarters,	450 00
To President Johnson's order to James S Mims, for Edwd Mellichamp,	69 05
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	1226 32
15. To cash paid Prof J C Furman, 2 q's salary to Jan '47,	500 00
To cash paid Prof J S Mims, for do do	450 00
To cash paid 3d Prof P C Edwards,	96 05
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	\$2272 37

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PER CONTRA.

Dec 10	By interest on bonds to this date,	1324 51
	By cash for interest from Savannah River Association,	166 75
	By cash of Alex J Lawton, for B M Cave, Watk. subs	2 00

14,	By cash for interest on bonds to date,	\$1493 26
	By cash of J Zealy, contribution,	219 68
	By cash of B F Smith, do	20 00
	By cash of J Pugh, do	8 00
	By cash of "A Friend," do	5 00
	By cash of Charleston Association, int part of 3 years,	1 00
	By cash of Edgefield Association, by Dr W B Johnson,	400 00
	By cash of G H Fountain, 1st instalment for 3d Professor,	42 65
	By cash of S B Wilkins, do do	5 00
	By cash of T E Fountain, subscr, do	5 00
	By cash Jos Norwood, do do	5 00
	By cash half of collection on Sabbath,	2 00
		41 78

By cash for interest again received,	\$2248 37
	24 00

By cash of E H Peeples, interest in full,	2272 37
	\$10 50

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EDUCATION PURPOSES.

Dec 14.	By cash at Convention,	\$20 00
	To cash paid Jas S Mims, Treas. of Board of Trustees,	20 00

1846.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Dec. 12.	By cash at Convention for Foreign Missions,	\$356 63
	By cash do Canton Chapel,	6 00
	By cash do Bible,	12 37

14,	To cash paid J B Taylor. Corresponding Secretary of Board for Foreign Missions,	\$375 00
		\$375 00

1846,

THEOLOGICAL BUILDINGS.

Dec 14.	By cash at Convention,	\$40 03
	To cash paid Jas S Mims, Treasurer of Board of Trustees,	40 00

AGGREGATE OF CASH.

Permanent Fund,		
By cash on hand,		\$126 11

GENERAL PURPOSES.

To cash due the Treasurer.	\$21 00
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THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

By cash on hand,	\$70 50
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\$21 00	\$136 55
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By balance of cash on hand,	\$115 50
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All which is respectfully submitted,

ALEX. J. LAWTON, Treasurer.

Barnwell C. H., Dec. 15, 1846.

The Committee on Accounts have attended to that duty, and respectfully report: that the Treasurer's entries are all properly made, the accounts correctly cast, and well vouched.

M. T. MENDENHALL, Chairman.

The Committee on Accounts, who have been especially charged to examine the condition of the funds of the Convention, REPORT, They find the capital in good bonds, to bear interest from

January 1, 1847, to be		\$21651 96
Interest due on same, January 1, 1847,	\$2590 69	
Capital in bonds for 3d Professorship,		5865 00
Interest due on same, January 1, 1847,	204 32	
Capital in Bonds promised for 3d Professorship,		
but not yet executed,		500 00
Subscriptions for 3d Professorship, considered		
as capital,		200 00
Subscriptions for same considered as interest,	5 00	
Annuities for 3d Professorship,	165 65	
Donation by C. Entzminger in land,		3200 00
Annual rent, estimated at	150 00	

Aggregate,	\$3115 66	31416 96
Capital in Desperate Bonds,		5917 79
Interest in arrears on same to Jan. 1, 1847,	4039 86	

All which will appear in detail by reference to a schedule herewith filed, and marked A.

Amount due on subscriptions taken by Brother		
Z. Watkins, supposed to be good,		\$390 00
Amount due on subscriptions taken by Brother		
Jno. Culpepper, also supposed good,		262 00

Aggregate,	\$652 00
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Which will appear in detail by reference to a memorandum herewith submitted as an exhibit, and marked B.

It seems then, that on the first day of January next, there will be due for interest, accumulated on good bonds, the sum of \$3115 66, and a capital secured by those bonds of \$31,416 96, which will yield an annual interest of \$2199 18, after that day—that may be reasonably relied upon by the Convention in its future financial engagements.

The Committee have been sensibly impressed by the value to the Convention, of the services of the Treasurer in the management of its funds; rendered not only in the careful collection and faithful disbursement of moneys, but in some instances, by compromises and judicious arrangements of doubtful debts, that have not failed in any instance to promote the interests committed to his charge.

Your Committee recommend that it be made the duty of the Treasurer, at every regular session of the Convention, in addition to the account of his receipts and disbursements, to report by schedule, the value of the funds, and other property belonging to the



Convention, setting forth the items, with such remarks as may be necessary to promote the safety and improvement thereof.

All which is most respectfully submitted,

M. T. MENDENHALL, Chairman.

Barnwell C. H., Dec. 15, 1846.

*Abstract of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees of the Furman Theological Institution.*

FURMAN INSTITUTION, }  
May 30, 1846. }

The Board met. Present—Davis, Johnson, S. Furman, Boykin, McIver, Culpepper, Mobley, Dargan, Watkins, Professor Furman, Lide.

T. P. Lide was elected Secretary

J. C. Furman and Dr. McIver, were appointed to ascertain and report the amount of Bonds and subscriptions obtained by voluntary agents for the endowment of a third Professorship.

A Committee of seven was appointed to consider the practicability of proceeding at once to elect a 3d Professor, and to nominate a suitable person for said professorship, viz: Dr. Johnson, Dr. McIver, S. Furman, Watkins, J. C. Furman, Dargan, Culpepper. On motion, the President was added to the Committee.

Mr. C. Entzminger of Richland, having given to the Institution a tract of land in Fairfield, which cost him \$3200, and Mr. J. Evans of Chester, a Bond for \$4000, the Board passed a vote of thanks to these brethren for their liberal donations.

The Committee on Bonds, Subscriptions, and Annuities for 3d Professor, reported a capital in bonds, land and subscriptions (rating the land at cost) of \$9650, which with rental of land at \$150 per annum, will yield an interest of \$601.01. Aggregate of annuities pledged \$165 65, making \$766 66.

The Committee on the 3d Professor reported the name of the Rev Peter C. Edwards, as a suitable person for such Professorship. The Board by ballot, unanimously confirmed the nomination of the Committee.

*Resolved*, That the 3d Professor be paid for the present, at the rate of six hundred dollars per annum. The Secretary was instructed to inform Reverend Mr. Edwards of his election.

The following classification of the duties of the Professors was made :

1st. Sacred Rhetoric and Pastoral duties.—Prof. J. C. Furman.

2nd. Systematic Theology.—Prof. J. S. Mims.

3rd. Hebrew Language and Biblical Exegesis.—Professor P. C. Edwards.

Ecclesiastical History.—Prof. J. C. Furman.

Dr. McIver was appointed to prepare a notice of this meeting, and of the commencement services for publication.

BARNWELL C. H., }  
Dec. 12, 1846. }

The Board met, and after prayer by brother Rice, proceeded to business. Present, Johnson, A. G. Lawton, Mendenhall, J. A. Lawton, Rice, Watkins, Lide

A letter was submitted to the Board from the Fairfield Church ; requesting that Professor Furman be released from all his duties in the Seminary excepting those belonging to his Theological Professorship, and be allowed to serve them as Pastor, in consideration of which they would pledge him a salary of \$400, and thereby reduce the expenses of the Board. This arrangement was acquiesced in by the Board, and Professor Furman's salary was accordingly reduced to \$600.

In consideration of this reduction it was agreed to increase the salary of Prof. Edwards \$100 for the coming year.

By special appointment, Dr. Johnson submitted the following preamble and resolutions :

WHEREAS, It hath pleased Almighty God to remove from this world, Dr. John K. McIver, late a member of this Board :

*Resolved*, 1st., That we are sensibly affected by the death of our beloved brother, as a serious loss to the interests of our Zion generally, and particularly to those of the Furman Theological Institution. Benevolent, liberal, consistent in his christian course, his light shone before his fellowmen with mild but effective influence. Long will the dear deceased be held in affectionate remembrance by his brethren in general, but especially by the Church of which he was a deacon, the community of which he was a member, and by this Board of which he was an ornament, *For the righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance.*

*Resolved*, 2nd That we sympathise with the mourning family of our departed brother, and offer to them our sincere condolence under the afflictive dispensation that deprives them of an honored Father.

The Board further resolved, That a blank page in the book of the Secretary be reserved and that the name of Dr. McIver, together with the date of his death be inscribed upon it.

Wm. Brooker and Prof. Mims were elected Trustees in lieu of Dr. McIver, deceased, and R. Furman removed.

*Resolved*, That the words "committee of five" in the 3rd line of the 1st article of 2nd section of the rules of the Board, be stricken out and the word "an agent" be inserted, and that in the 4th line the word "Committee" be stricken out, and the word "agent" be inserted, and that the word "Committee" in the 22nd line of the 2nd be stricken out, and the words "agent, with the concurrence of the Professors," be inserted, the words "Committee of three" in the 26th line be stricken out and the word "agent" be inserted. That the word 'they' in the 31st line be stricken out and the word 'he' inserted, that the word 'they' in the 35th line be stricken out, and the words "he shall with the concurrence of the Professors of the Institution" be inserted, and the word 'they' in the 49th line of same article be stricken out, and the words "the executive agent; with the concur-

rence of the Professors' be inserted, and that these several amendments be made, to be printed with the next minutes of the Board.

Professor Mims was elected Executive Agent of the Board.

*Resolved*, That as a means of advancing the interests of the Institution, and procuring funds for its general purposes, the Professors be requested to devote as much of the vacation as practicable to such agency, the Board stipulate pay their expenses; and that we recommend the delegates of the Convention to pledge their diligent exertions in securing funds for the Institution, and to report the result of their labors at the next meeting of Convention.

The Secretary was instructed to receive the Bonds and subscriptions for the 3rd Professorship which have been pledged, but not yet placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Convention.

Dr. Johnson was appointed to preach the commencement sermon, on Sabbath at the semi-annual meeting.

Professor Edwards was requested to deliver his inaugural address on the day following.

Adjourned to meet at the Institution on Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in June next, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

T. P. LIDE, *Secretary*.

### **The Bible Society—Anniversary. &c.**

The South Carolina Baptist Bible Society held its third Anniversary at Barnwell Court House, on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, Dec. 15, 1846.

The following officers were elected, viz:—W. B. JOHNSON, *President*. J. DAVIS, J. C. FURMAN, A. J. LAWTON and W. A. LAWTON, *Vice Presidents*; and J. R. SHURLEY, *Sec'y* and *Treas'r*.

The following resolution was submitted and unanimously agreed to.

*Resolved*, That such alteration be made in the Constitution as will make us auxiliary to the "Southern Baptist Convention," instead of the "American and Foreign Bible Society," as heretofore.

The President was appointed to make the alteration.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the President be appointed to address a kind letter to the A. and F. B. Society, informing them why we have become auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Adjourned.

JOHN R. SHURLEY, *Sec'y*.

*Tuesday Evening, 9 o'clock,*

Met at the call of the President.

The Society and the congregation were addressed by M. R. SUARES, the President, and W. T. Rambaut.

The President having performed the duty assigned him, of altering the Constitution, read it, which, being unanimously adopted, is as follows:

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the energies of the Baptist denomination, in the United States, should be elicited and combined in support of the Bible cause, that the Holy Scriptures contained in



the book styled the Bible, may be distributed in all lands; and whereas, the organization of State Societies, connected with the Southern Baptist Convention, presents the opportunity of effecting this object,—we, whose names are hereunto annexed, do agree to form ourselves into a State Bible Society, and be governed by the following Constitution.

1. This Society shall be called the South Carolina Baptist Bible Society, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

2. Its single object shall be to aid in the circulation of the Holy Scriptures in *all lands*.

3. Any person who shall pay annually into the Treasury of this Society, the sum of one dollar, shall be a member; ten dollars at any one time, a member for life; thirty dollars at any one time, a director for life.

4. The funds of this Society shall be employed in supplying the wants of the State, and the incidental expenses of the institution; the surplus then shall be sent to the Board either of Foreign or Domestic Missions, as the Society or its Executive Committee shall direct.

5. The Society shall annually elect a President, four Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer, who shall constitute an Executive Committee for the transaction of the business of the Society in its recess, and make a report of its proceedings to the Society at its stated meetings. A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for business. These officers shall hold the rank and perform the duties appertaining to similar Societies. Life Directors shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of the Executive Committee.

6. There shall be an annual and semi-annual meeting of this Society. The annual meeting shall be held at the time and place of the annual meeting of the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina. The semi-annual meeting shall be held at the Furman Institution, at the time of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Institution.

7. This Society will readily receive similar Societies throughout the State, into membership, and welcome their delegates to a seat with all its privileges. The officers of such Societies shall be members of this Society ex-officio. Such contributions as they shall send up shall be determined by themselves as to amount and designation.

8. Delegates may be appointed to the South'n Baptist Convention. Prayer, by D. Peoples. Adjourned.

JOHN R. SHURLEY, *Sec'y*.

Immediately after adjournment of the Society, the Executive Committee met.

The Treasurer presented his Report, which was examined and found to be correct.

The Treasurer was instructed to lay out \$30, in the purchase of fine Bibles and Testaments from the A. and F. Bible Society, and to transmit the remainder of the funds \$23 37½ to the Foreign Missionary Board of Southern Baptist Convention. Adjourned.

J. R. SHURLEY, *Sec'y*.

*Report of the Treasurer of the South Carolina Baptist Bible Society.*

To cash remaining in the Treasury, December 16, 1845,	
as per last report,	\$161 36
By cash transmitted to the Foreign Mission Board of the	
So. Bap. Con., as per receipt of James B. Taylor,	28 00
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To cash received of Wm. Rollings, amount of sales of	
Bibles and Testaments in Salem Association,	7 50
To cash received, amount of sales by myself,	3 00
To cash received of Wm. B. Johnson, from the Edge-	
field Bible Society,	7 87½
B. W. Whilden, \$2, John Barker \$1,	3 00
W. Rollings \$1, J. Humphreys \$1, A. S. Morrall \$1,	3 00
L. M. Cohen \$1, J. J. Alexander \$1, J. M. Springer \$1,	3 00
R. R. Vann \$1, C. Felder \$1, R. A. W. Fuller \$1,	3 00
J. S. Mims \$1, J. R. Shurley \$1, F. P. Lide \$1,	3 00
——— Fountain \$1, D. Peeples \$1, B. H. Brown \$10,	12 00
H. D. Duncan \$1, R. Bradford \$1, W. B. Johnson \$1,	3 00
W. A. Lawton \$1, T. W. Rambaut \$1, A. J. Lawton \$1,	3 00
Mrs. F. C. Corley \$1, Lewis O'Bannon, \$1,	2 00
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	\$53 37½

JOHN R. SHURLEY, *Treasurer.*

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**Education Society.**

The South Carolina Baptist Education Society held its Fourth Anniversary at Barnwell Court House, Dec. 15, 1846.

The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz:—  
W. B. JOHNSON, President; JOSEPH GRISHAM, A. J. LAWTON, J. M. CHILES and J. CULPEPPER, Vice Presidents; and Jas. S. Mims, Secretary and Treasurer. J. C. Furman, P. C. Edwards and J. S. Mims were appointed the Executive Committee.

The Report of the Executive Committee, and the Report of the Treasurer were received. Four students have been aided by this Society in pursuing their studies at the Institution during half of the year, and three during the whole year.

Addresses advocating the claims of the Society were delivered to an attentive audience by Rev. Messrs. J. A. Lawton, M. W. Sams and H. A. Duncan. After which, an opportunity was offered to any present who might wish to join the Society, and about thirty new members were obtained.

Ordered, that the Treasurer's account, and the minutes of this meeting be printed with the minutes of this Convention. Adjourned.

JAMES S. MIMS, *Secretary.*

*Report of the Treasurer of the South Carolina Baptist Education Society.*

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To amount remaining in the Treasury, December 1845,	\$61 11
Dr. H. Nichols \$5, Mrs. E. Nichols, \$5 07½,	10 07½
M. J. Keith, \$5, Dr. W. Hooper, \$5, Cash, \$5, L. Boykin \$10,	25 00
R. Fuller \$15, E. Webb \$5, R. G. Edwards \$5,	25 00
J. M. Timmons \$5, M. Catlett \$5, S. P. Catlett \$5,	15 00
J. D. Raiford \$10, J. M. Chiles \$10, G. W. Brooks \$5,	25 00
Jos. Grisham \$5, T. N. Sloan \$5, J. Cogburn \$5,	15 00
J. Huit \$5, E. Andrews \$5, T. Adams \$10,	20 00
W. P. Hill \$5, T. W. Rambaut \$5, T. T. Hopkins \$5,	15 00
J. O. B. Dargan 5, T. P. Lide \$5, J. R. Shurley, \$5,	15 00
Dr. W. B. Johnson \$5, N. L. Griffin, \$5, R. G. Mays \$5,	15 00
A. B. Addison \$5, J. Lipscombe \$5, C. L. Goodwin \$5,	15 00
Jas. C. Furman \$5, Jas. S. Mims \$5, Z. Watkins, \$5,	15 00
Catharine Manor \$5, W. A. Lawton, \$5, W. Fripp \$5,	15 00
A. J. Lawton \$5, W. Adams \$5, B H Brown \$5,	15 00
W. H. Robert \$5, J. L. Brooks \$5, D. Peebles \$5,	15 00
N. G. W. Walker, \$5, J. Fountain \$5, W. A. Owens \$5,	15 00
R. Bradford \$5, J. J. Boyd \$5, H. A. Duncan \$5,	15 00
M. T. Mendenhall \$5, a Friend \$5, a Friend \$5,	15 00
Cash 50	00 50
A. J. Lawton, Trea. of State Conven.	99 67½
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By Cash paid S. W. Nicholson, beneficiary,	\$50 00
" " R. W. Lawson do.	100 00
" " B. F. Corley, do.	100 00
" " L. M. Cohen, do.	100 00
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	\$350 00

Balance in the Treas'y, Dec. 1846, \$111 36

JAMES S. MIMS, Treasurer.



# RULES OF THE BOARD.

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## SECTION I.

### *Design and obligations of the Board.*

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES deriving its existence from the appointment of the State Convention of the Baptist denomination in South Carolina, and formed for the purpose of carrying out its design in the establishment of a Seminary of learning for the intellectual and religious improvement of such persons as are called of God to preach the gospel, will ever hold itself amenable to that body for the right discharge of this high and solemn trust.

## SECTION II.

### *Officers of the Board.*

ARTICLE I. The Officers of the Board shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and Treasurer, and an Agent, to be called the Executive Agent, to be elected annually, and to continue in office until a new election. In the absence of the President and Vice President, any member of the Board may be called upon to preside *pro tem*.

ARTICLE II. The *President and Vice President* shall exercise the functions ordinarily devolving on such officers. The *Secretary* shall record the proceedings of the Board in a substantial book, which shall be open to the inspection of the Board at all its meetings. He shall also conduct the correspondence of the Board, and carefully preserve all papers put on file. The *Treasurer* shall take charge of all moneys and specialties belonging to the Board, and keep separate accounts of all the sums contributed for different objects; and shall render regular accounts of them to the Board at its stated meetings. He shall hold his office until the last day of the next meeting after his election, and until another shall be elected. give bond, and enter upon the duties of his office. For the faithful discharge of his trust, he shall give bond and security to the Board in such sum as they may from time to time, require.— He shall pay no money out of the funds but by order of the Board, signed by the presiding officer. And should the said office become vacant by death, or otherwise, the said vacancy shall be filled by the Professors, and the person so elected by the Pro-

Their duties.  
President. V.  
President and  
Secretary.

Treasurer.

fessors shall hold his office until the next meeting of the Board, and until another shall be elected, give bond and security, and enter upon the duties of his office. And the Treasurer so elected shall give bond, and do all the duties required, and in the same manner, as if elected by the Board. The *Executive Committee*. *Agent* (who shall reside near the Institution,) shall be charged with a general supervision of its interests.— He shall take special care of the buildings and land, attending to the necessary repairs of the former, and the renting of the latter, when there is any to be so disposed of. The Professors shall employ a *Steward*. over whose department they shall exercise such control as to require that meals be regularly served up in a proper manner, at stated hours, which they shall appoint. The *Executive Agent* shall require him to take good care of the commons, buildings and premises; to cause the Institution building to be swept clean twice a week; and to take charge of the rooms of the students during vacations. As his compensation, they shall allow him the use of the *Steward's* premises without rent, and such a sum per month for each student as the Board may determine, and to be paid semi-annually, in advance, by the students, or their parents, or patrons.— And in case of failing to discharge his duties, as specified in this Article, the Professors shall have power to remove him, and to put another in his stead. The *Executive Agent* shall make a written report of his doings to the Board, at its meetings.

### SECTION III.

#### *Meetings of the Board.*

*Stated Meetings,* ARTICLE I. The Board shall hold two meetings in the year; one at the place of the meeting of the Convention, to be styled the annual meeting, and to commence on the day before the meeting of the Convention, at 11 o'clock, A.M.; the other at the Institution to begin at 9 o'clock, A. M. on Saturday before the third Lord's Day in June, and to be styled the semi-annual meeting.

*Extra Meetings.* ARTICLE II. Extra meetings may be called by the President, with the concurrence of any five members of the Board.

*Quorum.* ARTICLE III. A quorum, for the transaction of business, shall consist of not less than seven members.

*Commencement Discourse.* ARTICLE III. The Board shall appoint one of their number, or some other suitable person, to deliver, at their semi-annual meeting, before the body, the Faculty, and the students, a discourse, to be styled the Commencement Discourse.

**RULES**  
 OF THE  
**Theological Seminary**  
 UNDER THE CARE OF  
**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
 APPOINTED BY THE  
**State Convention of the Baptist Denomination**  
**IN SOUTH-CAROLINA.**

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SECTION I.

*Name and design of the Seminary.*

ARTICLE I. The Seminary shall be called the FUR-  
 MAN THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION. Name.

ARTICLE II. Its object shall be the improvement in  
 useful and religious knowledge of such persons as give Object.  
 evidence that they desire to exercise the gospel min-  
 istry in obedience to the will of God, with a view to  
 the promotion of the glory of the REDEEMER, and with  
 an avowed dependence on the HOLY SPIRIT for success

SECTION II.

*The Faculty.*

ARTICLE I. The Faculty shall consist of as many Number and  
 Professors as the exigencies of the Institution may de- character:  
 mand, and the means of the Board may enable them  
 to sustain. They shall be members in good standing  
 of the Baptist Denomination.

ARTICLE II. They shall annually elect one of their President  
 number as their presiding officer. When such election  
 may not be practicable, from the smallness of their  
 number, the duties of the presiding officer shall devolve  
 upon the senior Professor.

ARTICLE III. The President shall preside in all Duties of  
 meetings of the Faculty, and on all public occasions, President.  
 He shall call meetings of the Faculty, whenever he  
 shall deem it expedient to do so, or when he shall be  
 requested to do so by any two members. He shall have  
 the privilege of expressing his views, and of giving his  
 vote, in all meetings of the Faculty, like any other  
 member ; and in case of an equal division, shall have



the right to give the casting vote. He shall be specially charged with taking cognizance of the general conduct of the students as prescribed by the rules relating to them, and shall perform such executive duties as may be devolved upon him by the Faculty.

Admission  
of students.

ARTICLE IV. The Faculty shall carefully examine all candidates for admission, requiring of each one a certificate from the church of which he is a member, that they approve of his design of entering upon the ministry, and admitting no one whose character does not give promise of his becoming a good minister of Jesus Christ.

Discharge of  
students.

ARTICLE V. They shall have the power to dissolve the connexion of any student with the Institution, whose connexion would, in their judgment, prove injurious to its interests: the privilege being reserved to such student to appeal, should he choose to do so, to the Board.

Government  
of Faculty.

ARTICLE VI. They shall adopt a system of By-laws, regulating the daily devotional exercises, the times of recitation, the permission of students to be absent, the rooms they shall occupy, the privilege in special cases of residing elsewhere than at the Institution, the management of the library, and all other similar matters — These by-laws to be submitted to the Board for their approval, and when so approved, to be of equal force with these rules.

To report.

ARTICLE VII. The Executive Agent, with the concurrence of the Professors, shall make a written report to the Board, at its regular meetings, of the state

Text Books  
&c. of the Institution.

ARTICLE VIII. Each Professor shall, as early as convenient, submit to the Board, for its approval, a statement of the text books he designs to use, and of the plan of studies he designs to pursue; the use of no text book or plan of instruction to be adopted or continued, contrary to the judgment of the Board.

Residence.

ARTICLE IX. The several members of the Faculty shall stately reside near the Institution.

Resignation.

ARTICLE X. Any member of the Faculty intending to resign, shall give 6 months notice of such intention.

### SECTION III.

#### *Course of Study.*

Studies.

ARTICLE I. The regular course of study shall consist of *Biblical Literature and Interpretation*, embracing the original languages of the Bible, Biblical Geography and Antiquities, the Principles of Interpretation, the Canonical Authority of the Scriptures, and such other information as may constitute an appropriate introduction to the study of the Sacred Volume.—